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SUBJ: MALI'S PRESIDENT PROMISES RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE

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COLONEL MOUSSA TRAORE, HEAD OF MALI'S RULING MILITARY
REGIME, MILITARY COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (MCNL)
AND CHIEF OF STATE DELIVERED HIS ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE
MESSAGE (13TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY) SEPT 22, 1973.
HIS MESSAGE APPEALED TO WORK, UNITY, AND NATIONAL SOLIDAR-
ITY IN RETURNING COUNTRY TO "CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT".
END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT TRAORE EXTENDED THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL
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FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MALI'S

MILITARY AND PEOPLE IN AIDING COUNTRY IN DROUGHT CRISIS. DUE TO DONORS' AID, (NO NAMES SPECIFIED) GOM HAS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF NEEDED FOODS AND HAVE HAD ADEQUATE MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION, PARTICULARLY IN FIRST AND SIXTH REGIONS.

2. DURING PAST SIX MONTHS, PRESIDENT TRAORE SAID THAT GOM HAS MADE EFFORT IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH BY CONDUCTING STUDIES WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY RETURN COUNTRY TO "CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT". IN ADDITION, HE SAID GOM HAS ALREADY HELD SEVERAL WORK SESSIONS SPECIFICALLY TO EXAMINE ROUGH DRAFT OF NEW CONSTITUTION. PRESIDENT MADE REFERENCE TO PRESENT STUDIES NOW UNDERWAY WHICH WILL RESULT IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY WHERE "ALL CONSCIOUS CITIZENS CAN PROVE THEIR GOOD CITIZENSHIP BY COOPERATING IN THIS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. PARTY WILL NOT ONLY BE DEMOCRATIC BUT WILL BE USED AS EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR FRAMEWORK AND EDUCATION OF MASSES."

3. PRESIDENT STRESSED MCNL'S DETACHMENT IN HAVING NO EXCLUSIVE PRIORITY ON FUTURE PARTY MAKE-UP. "ALL CITIZENS OF GOOD WILL AND COMPETANCE WILL HAVE TO FIND ADQUATE USEFULNESS IN WORK OF NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL BE MONOPOLY OF NO TEAM NOR ANY GENERATION."

4. HE EMPHASIZED EFFORTS BY GOM TO ENLARGE AND CONSOLIDATE MALI'S POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZTIONS (OMVS, OAU, OCEAO, ETC.) AND ENFORCE COUNTRY'S DESIRE IN COOPERATING WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY AFRICAN AND THIRD WORLD COUNTIRES.

5. IN SUPPORT OF MALI'S NON-ALIGNMENT POLICIES AND ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLES STRUGGLING FOR THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS, HE REFERRED TO GOM'S ACTIONS INBREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL; DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY AT THE LEVEL OF AMBASSADOR; SUPPORT OF NATIONAL UNION OF CAMBODIA AND GRP OF SOUTH VIETNAM; AND SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

6. IN CONCLUSION, PRESIDENT TRAORE PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAJOR THEME OF SPEECH BY EXPOUNDING ON IMPORTANCE OF WORK. HE MADE SPECIAL APPEAL TO GOM EMPLOYEES, WORKERS IN PUBLIC SERVICES, SOCIETIES AND STATE ENTERPRISES TO IMPROVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND MORAL LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. "THE IMPROVEMENT OF WORK'S LIFE IS INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH IMPROVEMENT IN OUTPUT AND PRODUCTIVITY OF ECONOMIC SECTOR CONTROLLED BY STATE." HE WARNED MALIANS TO AVOID STERILE CRITICISMS AND PEDDLING OF FALSE INFORMATION (REFERRING

EVIDENTLY GO GOM CRITICISMS) WHICH SPREADS ONLY DISTRUST AMONG MASSES. APPEAL WAS AIMED AT MERCHANTS DEALING AND SELLING IN ILLEGAL TRADE, BUSINESS MEN AND GOVERNMENT WORKERS "GUILTY OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, AND ALL TRAFFICKERS UTILIZING WRETCHED MEANS IN SATISFYING THEIR EGOTISTICAL INTEREST TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE COLLECTIVE."

COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH DEVIATED IN CONTENT AS WELL AS USUAL RHETORIC OF PAST SPEECHES. HIS STATEMENTS ON PRELIMINARY GOM STUDIES WHICH WILL ALLEGEDLY RESULT IN A RETURN TO "CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT", WAS BREATH OF FRESH AIR TO MALIANS. SPEECH WAS WELL RECEIVED ALTHOUGH IT CAME AS A SURPRISE TBQINFORMED MALIANS. WHETHER STUDIES MATERIALIZE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPEECH IS LEFT TO TIME, BUT PRESIDENT TRAORE'S VERBAL COMMITMENT TO CIVILIAN RULE STRONGER THAN IN PREVIOUS SPEECHES. TRAORE'S SPEECH MAY BE APPEASEMENT PUBLIC DISCONTENT OVER RISING PRICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH HAVE BEEN ENDEMIC PROBLEM EVEN BEFORE THE DROUGHT.
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